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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449;
3. 5 Cited References;
4. An International Search Report; and
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Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, the Applicants hereby submit:

(a) the attached list of prior art, which in the reasonable opinion of Applicants may be material to patentability of the claimed invention, within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and/or which has been cited in the Search Report prepared by the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application;

(b) a copy of the Search Report, which is attached for the U.S. Examiner to know the first opinion of the European Examiner and the portions of the references found pertinent by the Examiner; and

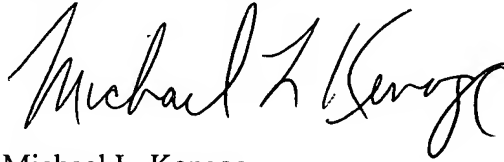
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Consideration and citation of the references are respectfully solicited.

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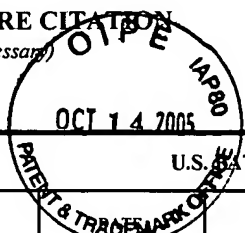
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